

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph, found in the published application and beginning on line eleven of page five as follows:

Clips of still other configurations can be manufactured in the manner of clip 26 by starting with a differently shaped precursor such as precursor 30 shown in FIG. 3A. Precursor 30 can be reconfigured by being subjected to radially inward deforming forces as shown in FIG. 3B or by opposed laterally inward forces as shown in FIG. 3C. In each case, the planar body 31 having tines 32 and 33 with points 34 and links 35 will be caused to take a smaller dimension and will be heat set as described above to form clips 36 and 37. Clips manufactured according to the method of the present invention can have a multitude of configurations other than those shown in FIGS. 1B, 2B, and 3C and 3D-3B and 3C. For example, the configurations shown in United States Patent Applications Serial Nos. 09/732,178 and 10/081,726 could be manufactured according to the present invention.

Please substitute the following paragraph, found in the published application and beginning on line 31 of page five as follows:

The clips of the present invention may have primary or secondary tines which have the same or different lengths and the tines may be straight or curved. For example, radially opposed tines may have one tine at "12 o'clock" which is longer than the opposing tine at "6 o'clock." Exemplary configurations of clip precursors with primary tines of differential length are shown in FIGS. 5 and 6. In FIG. 5, clip precursor 40 is shown with a primary tine 41 which is shorter than primary tine 42. Similarly, in FIG. 6, a clip precursor 50 is shown which has a primary tine 51 which is shorter than primary tine 52.